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# THE BRANDON WEEKLY MAIL.

*Brandon Weekly Mail,*

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 1885.

TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS.

We have now completed such arrangements with the publishers of *Health and Home*, a first-class family paper, as will enable us to give it free next year, to those subscribers of the *Mail* who pay up all arrears and remit \$2.00 for the year just entered upon. With this issue we send out statements to all in arrears to any extent, and shall look for a prompt response. Those who prefer the *Toronto Mail* or the *Toronto News* to *Health and Home*, can have either clubbed with our paper at \$2.50; in short we will give any other publication desired with the *Mail*, at a considerable reduction off the face value of both. We are fully aware that times are hard and money difficult to get, and this is our chief reason for making a reduction in the regular price of our paper. It should also remind our readers that a newspaper cannot be run on the wind. We have a weekly outlay of nearly \$100 in wages, rent, fuel and printing materials that must be met by prompt payment, which prevent us giving the credit for subscriptions many seem inclined to take. We must insist on a prompt settlement of all arrears, and we make this offer as an extra incentive.

C. CLIFFE,  
Ed. & Prop.

## THEIR WAY OF IT.

To read the Free Press and the Times of Winnipeg, with their complimentary references to one another one ignorant of the state of advancement in the country would naturally be led to infer there were but these two sheets published in the whole Dominion. They speak of one another as "our esteemed neighbor" "ouratic contemporary," until the natural inference is they want the public to take more stock in each others individual importance than in anything they have to say on any public question. The issues of both during the last two weeks have been directed to each others ignorance of the relation the province bears to the Crown Lands of the country. The Times wants the Free Press to show when these possessions were owned by the province, when they were taken from it, and what plans it can put forth for their restoration, while the uniform reply of the Grit print is that because the other provinces possessed lands, or were allowed to retain them on entering the Confederacy *ergo* Manitoba should have been allowed at its creation into a province to retain all the Crown Lands within its boundaries. To support this position it advances an argument that completely knocks the foundation from under its own conclusions, viz.: that Prince Edward Island because of being without lands on coming into the Union, was given a revenue equal to that enjoyed by the other provinces from their lands. As all the other provinces were not possessed of equal areas of land in proportion to extent; and as all the revenues arising therefrom were unequal that of some one of them had to be taken as a basis for settlement; and the question is would the Free Press be satisfied with similar treatment to Manitoba?

If it would an estimate of the provinces alleged claim is easily made, and if not upon what other date does the Free Press base its argument for its sweeping demands?

The Winnipeg Grit print advances one argument for its unlimited demand that a portion of the province was organized under forms of government before the management was assumed by the Dominion Government. This will readily be admitted but it proves nothing if the evidence of history be taken into account, and it certainly establishes no foundation for the general demands of the Grit party in this province.

It will be admitted, for instance that Ontario had organized forms of government before receiving its provincial government in 1792, and yet at that time the one-seventh of the

Crown Lands within the borders of the province were all that were handed over for provincial revenue, another seventh being set apart for the church, subsequently known as the Clergy Reserves, the remaining five-sevenths being retained by the Imperial Government for Imperial purposes, and disposed of afterwards as home dictation suggested. Has the Free Press never seen this in history? and if it has why does it not feel contented in making a similar demand for Manitoba and no more? If Ontario received but two-sevenths of its Crown Lands from its superior, why should the Grit press claim seven-sevenths of the lands of Manitoba, or their equivalent for provincial revenue? That's what honest minus would like to understand.

If the Hudson's Bay Co. did not own the Northwest, the Imperial Government owned it in the sense it owned Ontario before provincial promotion in 1792, and no one will say that in the proclamation setting forth the transfer of this country to Canada the latter did not bear the same relation to Great Britain did to Canada prior to the year named above.

Again if it is a comparative revenue the Free Press is looking for, it is a singular thing that it can see nothing in the shape of consistency. It is alleged that the best of the province's lands are now so far applied to Dominion purposes, that this province should be satisfied with nothing short of a money consideration—that the residue of lands should not be taken as a full consideration of the claims of the province. As Manitoba is less than Ontario in area and population, reasoning from any tangible standpoint, its receipts from any source designed as an equivalent to the receipts of Ontario should also be less than those of that province. As lands of this country have no valuable timber, receipts from sales over cost of management should then form the proper basis for any calculation. If we take 1875 as an average year for Ontario, we find its receipts from lands (other than those from timber, which, of course, are out of the comparison, Manitoba having none as stated) were but \$883,559.73, with \$37,249.89 as costs of managing the same, leaving a net revenue of \$21,700.84. To be fairly dealt with, then, Manitoba should receive a similar sum in lieu of lands while the Free Press knows it receives much more.

Again it is well known to "our esteemed contemporary," to use the soft soap it wastes on the Times, that the Dominion gives annually a large sum to this province against the credit of the School Lands, at asset none of the other provinces were ever possessed of.

The truth of the matter is Manitoba receives infinitely more in proportion to population from the Federal Government than any of the other provinces ever received from Imperial sources, and still it is handicapped year after year with a burden of almost unlimited troubles. The province is cursed with most expensive forms of government from the Legislature down to the Municipal Councils, and doubly cursed with a lot of incapable fishing daily for personal aggrandisement, and its consequent troubles are placed by an unscrupulous press on the wrong doorstep. The cost of civil government, in a province with the age and population of Manitoba is simply disgraceful, consider it as you may, and that of municipal management is but little better. At the last election there were municipalities with less than 25 resident voters forced to support clerk, treasurer, assessor, reeve and councillors, and all the paraphernalia of a well settled town. Add to this Judicial Boards with land valuers at ten dollars a day with expenses, and secretaries with double the salaries they could earn at any legitimate business on their own account, and you find the real cause of the general provincial complaint.

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## CIVIC MATTERS.

The magnanimity shown by Mr. Daly, at the last meeting of the old council, in these hard times is worthy of all mention; he was voted \$200 for his year's services and refused its recommending its application to the relief of the city poor. Mr. Daly went to more than a little trouble during the past year to unravel the wrongs of the city he met with on taking office, and the present creditable standing of our finances is the best evidence of the success he has achieved. We must not, of course, give him alone credit for the able financing of the past year, as Ald. Sifton, Chairman of the Finance Committee, Ald. Hughes on Fire, Water and Light, Ald. Cameron, on Board of Works, and every other member of the council did their share, but as Mayor the weight of responsibility and all the travel occasioning expenditure and loss of time fell on the shoulders of Mr. Daly. When the present council took office a year ago the first obstacle they encountered was a deficit of \$6,000 and nothing to cover it with, extravagant salaries to reduce and other unnecessary drains, the result of the lurking dreams of the boom, and the present clearsheet bears ample evidence of their decided success. At the present the only floating debt remaining stands up to less than \$15,000—\$13,500 to the Imperial Bank and less than \$1,500 in salaries, and against this there is a balance of nearly \$20,000 due of this year's taxes and about \$18,000 for previous years. The present year's council then has clear sailing. All that is necessary for them to do is to estimate for interest and sinking fund of debentures and current expenses, as independent of the tax sales enough will be collected in past year's taxes to meet the Imperial Bank and the residue of salaries as stated.

If we were to give an advice to the present council it would be to lay off every expenditure that does not impair efficiency in management, undertake no works that are not absolutely necessary, and grant no bonuses or other consideration to enterprises that are not of first importance and cannot be secured in any other way. What the next year or two may bring forth we do not know, but it is always safest to be on the side of retrenchment. If they happen to be years of expansion, it is time enough for the council to expend when expenditure is warranted but it is never safe to anticipate it. As a matter of fact the council have no control over school estimates, and cannot diminish our liability for interest of debentures and sinking fund, these are unchangeable no matter how economical they may be—current expenditure and prospective assistance to enterprises are all they have to grapple with, and if the present aldermen walk on the well beaten path of their predecessors, the city has nothing to fear even from the continued stringency of the past two seasons.

The Free Press of last Saturday says: "There is no doubt that everywhere along the line of the Manitoba and N. P. R. R. getting the best rates is the existing state of the wheat market, and much higher than are prevailing in the northern parts of Dakota and Minnesota. Manitoba prices being only one cent lower than Duluth, from time to time, which is less than the cost of transportation." When going that far, why has not the Grit print the honesty to go farther and give the cause and show that the "grinding monopoly" of the C. P. R. gives better rates than N. P. R. and that but for the N. P. American instead of Manitoba wheat would supply the dealers, and bring down quotations. But then a Grit print was never accused of telling the whole truth at once, so the public must be content with little by little, by degrees.

## THE PRICE OF WHEAT.

The following reply of Mr. Nash, Emerson, to a letter from Mr. Brown, of Chater, explains itself. It proves two things, neither of which are very palatable to the Grits of this province. In the first place it proves that the much abused "grinding monopoly" of the C. P. R. offers the farmer better wheat rates than are to be had in the country of blessing, to which the Grits have been advising Manitobans to emigrate, and also that the N. P. R. has an interest even for Manitobans, as it does not require much effort to prove that but for the 15 cents a bushel duty on American wheat, the Manitoba buyers would be so supplied from the States as to cut down the prices very materially.—

Emerson, December 22nd, 1884.  
W. H. Brown, Esq., Chater.

DEAR Sir:—I have yours of the 17th, re price of wheat in St. Vincent, Minnesota, and Emerson, and in reply beg to state that I interviewed wheat buyers here and obtained the following information. There has been (and is now) paid a higher price in Emerson than in St. Vincent. Paid here, No. 1 hard 63, No. 2 hard 55. Paid at St. Vincent, No. 1 hard 48, No. 2 hard 32. Several Minnesota farmers offered their wheat at St. Vincent and Pembina and refused to accept the prices, and afterwards brought their wheat here, paid duty and sold at a profit. One gentleman here bought wheat at St. Vincent market, brought it to Emerson, paid the duty and cleared a profit of eight cents per bushel. For the last two months farmers from the other side could pay the duty here, draw their wheat at 48 cents, and then make a profit over Minnesota prices.

Yours Faithfully,  
W. H. Nash.

the matter clear, however, we can assure Mr. Broatch that Mr. Peacock, one of the councillors elect for the year called at the Sun office since the elections, and was assured the \$1.25 (our rate) was the regular price for doing the work. Properly

## RETRENCHMENT.

Mrs. Grundy tell us that police man Denzen will be dismissed by the new council on Monday night, he being the youngest on the force. He will likely be given charge of the corporation team, should he see fit to accept it. The Chief's salary will probably be reduced in which case he will resign next spring. He is a thoroughly competent official, and Brandon cannot well afford to lose him. The idea entertained by some that the chief is receiving remuneration from the county is erroneous. Parties have intimated that they would perform the work of the clerk and chamberlain for \$200 and \$100 respectively. We do not believe that the work can be satisfactorily performed for this sum. The councillors will we think be in favor of retaining the present officers if they will but consent to a reasonable reduction, and we hope their good sense will prompt them to do this.

## VITAL QUESTIONS.

### CHAPTER I.

Ask any or all of the most eminent physicians "What is the best and only remedy for all diseases?" such as Bright's disease, diabetes, dropsy, etc., which retain urine, and all the disorders almost peculiar to Women?"

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## INTERNATIONAL & COLONIAL EXHIBITION.

ANTWERP IN 1882—LONDON IN 1886.

IT is the intention to have a Canadian SECTIONAL EXHIBITION at Antwerp, commencing May 1886, and also at the COLONIAL and INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION in London in 1886.

The Government will do the expense of sending a representative to Antwerp to London, and also to send him to Canada in the event of the former not being held.

All Exhibits for Antwerp should be sent to the Canadian Sectional Exhibitor, Mr. J. H. Denison, not later than the 1st of March.

These Exhibitions, it is believed, afford favourable opportunity for us to display our natural capabilities, and demonstrate our desire to improve our products.

Canadians and all interested persons may obtain information by writing to the Department of Agriculture, Ottawa.

By order

Department of Agricultural, Ottawa, December 12th, 1885.

John Denison, Secy.

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Jan. 1, 1885.

H. CROSSLEY, Ninth St., Brandon.

### GLENWOOD COUNCIL

Dec. 31st. 1884.—Present Council's Burley, Brown, Moore, McCalloch and Elgar. The Reeve in the chair.

Communications read and disposed of as follows:

Wm. Wenman, re paying taxes to Breeze Lawn School District.

Brown—Elgar, that the communication be not entertained. Carried. C. Brandon, that he by mistake returned the statute labour for Sec. 38-29, not done.

Moore—Elgar, that Mr. Sowden receive credit on his taxes for the amount of statute labour tax for Sec. 38-29. Carried.

George McGill re his being assessed for more personal property than he possessed.

Elgar—Burley, that Mr. McGill's communication be laid over. Carried.

Brown—Elgar, that Mr. Sowden receive credit on his taxes for the amount of statute labour tax charged against his lands for 1884, except the amount charged against Sec. 19-7-21. Carried.

Elgar—Brown, that the Treasurer receive the taxes for Sec. 23, Tp. 2, 10-20 less the taxes for 1883, which are to be returned against said section. Carried.

Elgar—Brown, re John Hughes' statute labour for 1883, that as the master was not instructed to other parties to do their statute labour for 1883 in 1884, this council take action in the matter. Carried.

Finance Committee reports as follows:

That John Shannon, for balance of tax for 1884, be paid, \$50.00.

J. H. Moore, for extra service \$20.00 and balance of remuneration \$2,680, \$46.80.

J. Burley, " \$16.00 "

J. Elgar, " 6.00 "

29.10, \$35.40.

H. McCalloch, " 2.00 "

38.60.

Wm. Garbett, " 16.00 "

25.60.

M. Cook, " 23.80 "

George Brown, " 21.60 "

Wm. Steel, for extra service and travelling expenses 107.00 " 20.00, \$157.00.

D. Image, " 10.00 "

Day of Souris District for rent for room, \$1.00.

That A. L. MacMillan's account be laid over. Report adopted.

Elgar—Moore, that the Treas. receive Mr. G. Brown's taxes less the amount of his local school tax, said amount to be charged to Breeze Lawn School District. Carried.

Moore—Elgar, that the Treas. be instructed to receive taxes to the 25th Jan. 1885, less 3 per cent. Carried.

J. DOLMAGE,  
Clerk.

**A TOTAL WRECK.**  
Many a strong frame has been totally wrecked by rheumatism. D. McCrimmon, of Lancaster, was cured of chronic rheumatism by Bardock Blood Bitters. It cures all blood impurities.

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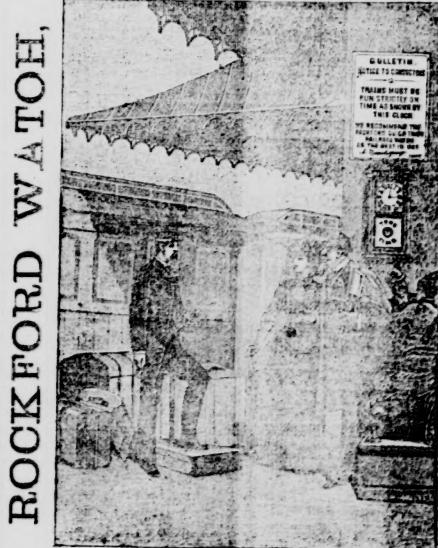
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# THE BRANDON WEEKLY MAIL.

## A Maiden Fair.

### CHAPTER IX. ALL FOR LORN.

The huge rocks called the Ballars of Baskin rise high and jagged above the sea, which dashes and chums white against them, falling back moaning as it with disappointment

that it cannot overthrust. It has made inroads at their feet, forming various archways, leading to great caverns, once the haunt of smugglers. Still the rocks stand firm proud guardians of the coast, and a terror to mariners and fishermen when the winds blow high.

The little Mermaid looked like a speck on the water in contrast with these giants of nature. As it steamed slow and safely by them there were none on deck whose hearts beat quick at the thought of the peril they were so narrowly escaping. All were grateful to the captain, who had come so timely with such skill and strength to their rescue; only one pitied the man who had led them into the danger.

A poor Duncan Murray, his breast was full of wrath. The reputation for care and skill which he had earned with a lifetime to be jeopardized at last, and only saved by a miracle! Jeopardized by the man he had trusted as he trusted himself! There was no penalty heavy enough for such a villain!

Except the engine-man and Ross, who had been placed upon the floor of the cabin, all remained on deck. But a word was spoken until they passed the grim Bullers. They were like people petrified, pale and dumb, watching the scowling figure at the wheel. When they knew that they were safe there was one great breath like a sob of relief, and a silent prayer of wondering thanks. Then the power of motion was restored to them by the loud voice of the captain giving some brief commands.

Annie had been by her father's side all the time, so white and calm that she was more like a statue than a living woman. She watched every movement of the vessel, how obediently it answered the helm under the master's hand, until at length it took them out into safe water. But her mind was easy seeking the reason for this strange occurrence. Her father in his rage had said that Ross was a traitor, but she could not believe it. His mind leapt to the thought that he had fallen in some fit, and at her father's first words she moved swiftly away. Down to the cabin she went.

There on the floor lay the man she loved, the man to whom she had plighted herself, and who had so nearly destroyed them all—a senseless, ugly piece of humanity. She approached him, bent over him with tenderness.

She drew back quickly and her face flushed. His breath told her that her father had spoken truly. And yet she was dimly conscious that mingled with the fumes of whiskey there was something else, which she did not understand, and which at that moment did not impress her mind.

This was the one horrible fact: he had been drinking and so had imperiled all their lives?

The now sickening sense of dismay over, she became calm again, and she sought her that something ought to be done to restore him to consciousness. Who was to help her? She dare not speak to her father as she would not speak to *Craig*. By-and-by she would be able to get one of the men, but none of them could be spared at present.

Meanwhile she got a towel, dipped it in cold water and laid it on his head. Next she shook him roughly by the arm, but he made no sign. Then to it was all she could do.

This was one thing more. She called him by name, but he made no sign. Whilst doing this she became a little more conscious of the presence of that something besides the fumes of whiskey, only she was too busy in her efforts to arouse him to give it particular heed.

And she was wondering. How could this miserable shame fall on Bob Ross? In all that she had ever heard of him there had been no hint of this. Quite otherwise: one of the qualities for which he had been specially noted was his sobriety.

Then how should it come now in the hour when he was most anxious to please her father?

She could not understand. It was strange that was all she could say, and in her bewilderment began wondering again. And as she was wondering there came suddenly a pain in her breast and a dull aching in the dry eyes, for was not his shame hers?

Oh, how brave and noble she had found him to be! How much

above all other men in everything—how pure, how strong and faithful in all that became a man! And lo, there he lay helpless—such a sorry sight!

She could not bear it and she covered her face with her hands, rocking herself to and fro as she knelt beside him. Strange, pitiful cries in her brain, but no sound coming from her lips. The idol seemed to have fallen from its high place.

He lay low down and still was loved.

She did not care now who knew it. She loved him and she would help him though everybody else should turn from him.

She knew by the sounds on deck—trampling of feet, loud voices—and the varying movements of the engine, that they were nearing port. Whether or not the noise had any effect in rousing him, Ross at length stirred from his lethargy.

He moved slightly as if to turn on his right side. With anxious face and ready hands she assisted him. He muttered something in a husky whisper, but she was unable to make out what he said.

She called him by name twice and her voice seemed to reach him at last. There was a spasmodic movement of the body, and this time his muttering was distinct enough for her to comprehend:

"Starboard, starboard, confound ye. There's the Dan Bay—we must hold off."

The rest of his words faded into indistinctness again.

The turmoil above grew louder, and the movements of the engine more eccentric than before.

She dipped the towel into cold water and bathed his face and hands. He breathed more freely and regularly than he had been doing for some time, and presently opened his eyes.

What wearisome eyes they were staring at her, without the least sign of recognition! They frightened her, and yet they brought the tears which relieved her own parched eyes.

"Do you no' hear me—Bob?" she hesitated a little over the name.

The wild expression disappeared and slowly there came a smile of recognition.

"No ken you, Annie! how could that ever be? My lass! But what a dream I had—that I got you and let the boat gang on the rocks and—"

Bat there the glimmer of intelligence faded, and a vacant expression took its place. This was not the expression of imbecility, but that of one who is looking at something he cannot see and searching his mind for something he cannot find.

Suddenly he made an effort to rise and fell back helpless.

"Try again," she said eagerly, "if you could only get onto the seat, it would make me less wae to look at you."

Mechanically he made the effort, and with her strong help succeeded after a few trials in getting on to the seat. He leaned back unable to support himself, still looking at the something he could not see.

"Can you hide there that way till I get you a drink?"

She brought him a glass of water and held it to his lips. He drank greedily as if his throat was parched, and he seemed to revive. She took both his hands in hers and gazing earnestly at him said

"Can you no' tell me how this happened? Try to mind. Where did you get the drink?"

"I canna tell, I got whiskey, and I saw the Dan Bay and the Bullers, and I wanted to keep clear of them. But something ay pulled the wheel out of my hands. There was—"

He ended the sentence by slaving his head helplessly and muttering weakly, "I canna tell—I dinna ken."

She saw it was no use pressing her questions further at that time, and indeed she had no opportunity of doing so. Although the noise above continued, the engine had stopped, and she knew that they were in port. Her father came down. Partly in consequence of his dread of any further accident, and partly out of a wise discretion, knowing his own temper, he had delayed coming until the Mermaid was safely moored in Peterhead Harbor. Now when he came, he found her holding Ross's hands and speaking softly to him. His passion blazed up in spite of himself.

"What are you doing there, with that scoundrel? Come out of that this moment."

She did not move, and Ross was apparently quite unconscious of the angry and bitter words.

"Did you no' hear me?" shouted the father. "I tell you that you are no' to disgrace yourself by speaking another word to him."

"Father, he is no' well," she said gently, but without releasing her lover's hands.

"No weel!—he'll be well enough when he gets over his drunken fit, and curse him."

"This is not a drunken fit, father. He is really not well, and you should get a doctor to see him."

"Me get a doctor for the scoundrel that nearly ruined me as weel drown'd us a!" exclaimed the captain, as much astounded by his daughter's unmeasured as by her first disobedience.

"I tell you he was drinking when he was at the wheel, and that would have been enough for me even if he hadn't put us o' is steam danger."

"How do you know that he was drinking when at the wheel?" she asked calmly.

"Cargill told me. He took a dram from him."

"Ah!" The exclamation was short and quick with a drawing in of the breath. "And he gave it to him."

"Ay, bat he man has been drinking before that, because he dram worldna mak' him like what he is. Come, out o' this Bob Ross, and thank the kindly thoughts I ha'e aye had for you till noo, that I dinna send you to jail instead o' giein' you leave to walk ashore."

"Father, will you not send for a doctor?" she pleaded once more.

"I'll no hear another word, you bizzie, but I'll ha'e something to say to you in a wee while."

To her amazement Ross stood up, unsteadily, but still maintaining the position. He drew one hand dazedly across his eyes and said huskily:

"No for me, Annie, no for me—you shall not suffer for me, I'll go. Your father is right, I begin to mind now, and it is his kind thought that saves me from jail—it is not all clear yet; but it is coming back. Me standing at the wheel and no power to speak, and—and that's all."

"Bide a minute and I'll get Jock Burns to go with you," and she darted up the stair.

Captain Duncan was puzzled. He could not make out the man; this was not the way he had ever before seen anybody who was "you" behaved. But then there was nothing else to explain his falling asleep at the wheel; and so he answered the puzzle by resolving to stick to his first impression.

"I am sorry for you, Bob; but you ha'e brought it on yourself and I canna pass it over. Had it been anybody else I would ha'e been on the look out for sic a thing, but no' wi' you—no' wi' you."

"You are being kindly by me, captain, and I thank you," said the poor man, again passing his hand dizzily over his eyes. "I dinna understand yet; but it's coming to me, and I ken that I was wrang. I thank you and I'll go."

He made a step forward, staggered and fell back upon the seat. He would have fallen on the floor but that the sturdy captain caught him in time.

#### HILLTON.

A public meeting was held at the residence of James Scott, Sr., Sec. 36, Twp. 6, R. 16 west, for the purpose of arranging a new school section and selecting trustees.

Mr. D. Wilson took the chair and Mr. T. Henry acted as secretary.

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Henry and Mr. McLennan were elected trustees and of these Mr. Henry was chosen as Sec-treas.

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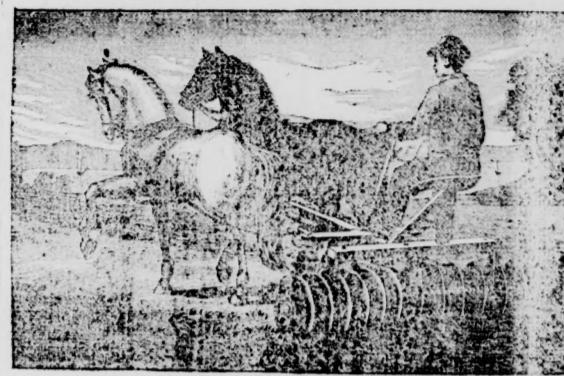
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## THE BRANDON WEEKLY MAIL

### TOWN TOPICS

Mayor Smart is expected home on Saturday.

Charles Findley left for Ontario last Monday.

The Masons will give their annual ball in a few weeks.

A fine three story addition is being added to the Farmers' Home hotel.

Mr. Starr is having his new livery stable removed to Sixth street adjoining Kirpatrick's store.

Dr. More has removed his office from Combs & Stewart's block to the rooms above Reesor's jewelry store.

We want a boy to learn the printing. An excellent chance, at good wages, will be given to the proper class of youth.

E. W. Barber, of Winnipeg, was married on Christmas day to a Miss Speers, of Griswold, daughter of Archibald Speers of that place.

The firemen boys had a partition placed in their engine room in order to keep the air around the engine at a higher temperature.

Harry Arkell, Ogilvie's grain buyer here, has resigned his position and leaves for Victoria, B. C., today. R. Hastings fills the vacancy.

As the solitary oyster in the church stew has not been heard of this season it is feared that some one has found and stolen this interesting bivalve.

The Mooseomin Courier announces the marriage of Miss Smith and Mr. Smithers. In the course of events the next change in that family will be Smithereens.

Mr. Herren, of the Avenue rink, went to Winnipeg on Tuesday to visit the roller rinks there. They have become very popular at the metropolis, and he has some thoughts of arranging for the construction of one in Brandon.

For journalistic enterprise the Winnipeg Sun takes the bun. Both its Christmas and New Year's numbers were splendid. The latter was the best of the kind ever published in Manitoba.

Everybody and his girl were out driving Sunday afternoon. A friend who has a failing for statistics informs us that he counted twenty-nine dusters passing in front of the Masonic Hall in five minutes.

The ladies of the Methodist Church gave a White Cap Social on Xmas eve. One reporter being bankrupt and not having received the customary press complimentary is unable to particularize.

The Presbyterian choir went out to a social at Brandon east on Friday night. The school room in which the gathering took place was well filled, and our Brandon friends enjoyed themselves exceedingly well.

We understand that Mr. Popham of the conjugate department, and the principal of the common school are thinking of starting a night school, provided they get sufficient support. Such a institution would be a boon to many of our young men.

In this issue and our last, we have said out a large number of accounts, and we must act promptly responsive. We want to pay our debts, and give us honorably as the waters will allow publishers to do, and to that end we must collect. We trust every debtor whether he owes \$20.00 or \$2.00 will make our case his own, and remit at once.

Chief McMillan received a telegram on Sunday from Elkhorn, stating that a young man named Richard Heath had deserted his employer, W. H. Hunter, at that place on Saturday, and carried off with him a room pony mare, fifty dollars in cash and several notes in favor of R. C. Elliott. It was thought that he took the road to Brandon.

A young man, who arrived from the southwest last Monday and took the train for the east the same day, brought the news that a man had been found near the boundary frozen stiff and the flesh eaten off his face and limbs by wolves and foxes. The body, which had not been recognized, was found some distance from the trail and two miles from the nearest house. The deceased had evidently got lost while making his way northward from Dakota.

The Snow Shoe Club had a glorious tramp on Tuesday night, followed by an oyster supper.

The boarders at the coffee rooms presented Mrs. Gooding, manager of the establishment, with a beautiful eight day clock, as a Xmas gift.

While Mr. Maddis, of Tp. 7-16, was in the city on Saturday visiting his family who reside here 100 chickens were stolen from his farm.

A pool match for \$50 a side will be played in the Queen's hotel, Brandon, to-night, (Thursday.) The contestants are Meyers, of the Portage, and an employee of the C.P.R.

H. Crossley, will continue his discount sale until the 1st of February, in order to give those who have not been enabled to take advantage of it, a chance to do so. See add on another page.

Go to H. Crossley, for bargains in Dry Goods, Furs, Boots & Shoes, as he is determined to sell the whole out cheap, in order to make room for spring goods, considerable of which is already on the way.

R. B. Albertson, is in the city endeavoring to organize a city band. A meeting will be held in the council chamber to-night for that purpose. The members of the old band and all the new hands who would wish to join are requested to be present.

The Winnipeg Times says: Arthur Henry Lewis, age fourteen next April, left home two years ago owing to his refusal to attend school, but principally on account of threatened punishment by his teacher which, although not inflicted, had deprived his parents of their child's company and him of his home for the above period. He was in St. Boniface about two months ago. He is somewhere south of Winnipeg, and would at once return home if he only knew how anxious his father and mother, brothers and sisters were to see him. Under the circumstances we feel sure that our contemporaries will assist us in diffusing the notice as widely as possible.

#### NEW YEAR'S NIGHT.

#### A Delighted Gathering in the Presbyterian Church.

The most enjoyable entertainment of the season was given in the above mentioned church on the first night of '85. The committee who were indefatigable in their efforts, were well chosen as the result proved. The edibles were abundant in quantity and excellent in quality, the waiters attentive and the decorations tasteful. The receipts aggregated about \$120.

The Rev. Mr. Douglass opened the programme with a short review of the year's history.

Mr. Bourne followed with a piano solo which was succeeded by a chorus from the choir in which they exhibited excellent training. Mrs. Larkin read King George of Sicily and the Angel, which though better adapted to a strong muscular voice, was rendered attractive by the distinct articulation.

"When are you going away Jamie" as sung by Mrs. Ferguson and Mr. Campbell, was one of the best performances of the evening. They made an excellent Jennie and a bad Jamie. Mr. C. responded with a hearty encore with "Among the Regs of Barley."

After a very pleasing piano duet had been given by the Misses Rassel, Miss Katie Lee sang "Go to Sleep My Baby," which brought forth an encore so loud and long that it surely awaked the baby again. The next, a solo by Mrs. Ferguson took two hearts of our friends of the thistle by storm. A very humorous address by the Rev. M. McKenzie, of Carberry, concluded the first part of the programme.

After a few minutes busy conversation in which all engaged, Mr. Bourne again led off with an "instrumental." A round of applause here greeted Miss Westie, who sang a beautiful song in a beautiful voice.

She responded to a prolonged encore with "You'd better bide a weal." Labrador Watch by Messrs. Stockton and Kempe was the next rendered. These gentlemen having unfortunately lost the music of the piece which they proposed singing were forced to have resort to this old favorite. Miss Douglass and her brother both gave readings. The latter was humorous and the former pathetic. As Miss Douglass read you could have heard a pin drop and we feel that there were moist eyes in the room. A quartette "Drifting with the Tide" by members of the choir and a solo by D. C. Campbell

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Headquarters for Christmas Goods in Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, Silverware, Novelties, etc. All are invited to call and examine our elegant display of rich, new designs, and none need feel any obligation to purchase unless so disposed. Drop in and you'll feel repaid.

## Sign of the Horseshoe.

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#### LOST, STRAYED OR STOLEN.

The devil of the Mail office—stands about ten and one half hands high, long across, and wore a nose turned with a sharp look out towards the left ear. Was of pleasing manners and pleasant address (owing to his association with the intelligent compoitors) and not cross eyed. When last seen he was standing at the depot looking westward, with his grip sack in his hand. The person giving information that will lead to his recovery will incur our lasting displeasure.

#### PRESENTATION.

On Xmas eve Mrs. Douglas was presented by a number of her Presbyterian friends, with a beautiful autograph quilt bearing upwards of a thousand names and the following address:

Brandon, Man, Dec. 25th 1884.  
MRS. J. M. DOUGLAS.

DEAR MADAM.—A few of your many friends connected with the Presbyterian Church in this place, wish to embrace this opportunity of presenting their Xmas greetings.

Ever since your coming amongst us we have greatly appreciated your kindly Christian intercourse and your untiring efforts in promoting every scheme tending to benefit the congregation, or any of its individual members.

Your labors in connection with the Ladies Aid Society have been specially fruitful of good results, both of a spiritual and temporal nature.

Permit us then to present to you as a material emblem of our unfeigned gratitude, this quilt, which we trust will in future years prompt many kind recollections of your friends in Brandon.

We would heartily tender you and all your family the compliments of the season, and pray that you may long be spared to them and the church, and continue to strengthen the bonds of our much loved and respected Pastor in the good work he is accomplishing in his important sphere.

#### TO THE ROCKIES.

Contractor Early, with fifty men and seven teams, left here for to make ties at the Rockies on Tuesday. The ties are for the Medicine Hat branch to the coal mines. Hewers are paid \$35 per month and board, and scorchers \$20 and board. Teams are given \$5 per day and board. Thirty more men will follow next week. Passes are furnished.

#### IS SHE INSANE?

There is considerable talk in town over the confinement of Mrs. Wm. Hilliard in the county jail, as a lunatic. It is true that in the police court she was adjudged one, but no matter what decision courts may give in criminal cases they are not authority in diseases—this belongs to the medical and philosophical departments of science. There is no doubt but that the woman is weak minded, and it is quite apparent, nothing has been done at home to help this ailment. In conversation with the lady she speaks quite sensibly and rationally on most subjects until it comes down to domestic matters, and she then converses rather incoherently, showing

that domestic cares and differences in the family have had considerable to do with her troubles. To an unprejudiced mind it would appear a year's reasonable indulgence at home would do more for her recovery than half a lifetime in prison. Some of the neighbors acquainted with the circumstances say her confinement is like that of Mrs. Mercer, at Montreal, more to get rid of a little responsibility than to advance the welfare of the woman. Our personal knowledge of the matter is limited, but what we do know, it is quite apparent there ought to be some means of getting at the true state of the case. If it is a fact that selfishness or inhuman feeling is at the bottom of the matter as was the case with the Montreal confinement, justice ought to be vindicated, and if on the other hand, the woman is really insane she ought to be sent to some institution more suitable than a common jail, either by the relatives or outside aid. As we live in an age of enlightenment we ought also to live in proper human feeling—in an age in which afflicted people would be treated with proper care.

#### OAK LAKE OBSERVATORY.

##### Meteorological Report.

For the week ending Dec. 20th, 1884.

Banometer reduced to sea level.

Highest.....33.824  
Lowest.....29.861

TEMPERATURE.

Highest.....33.2  
Lowest.....33.2 below zero

Wind, greatest velocity 24 miles per hour

Length.....0.4  
Mean.....0.4

PHENOMENA.

1 Aurora twilight.

Snow fell on 2 day during 18 hours,

and to a total depth of 3.5 inches.

REMARKS.

Barometer pressure gradually increased from the beginning of the week until the 20th, when the highest point was reached, the effect being a very violent increase in temperature the minimum being 33.2 degrees. A very rapid decrease in temperature took place and a lower state of atmosphere followed.

#### YOUNG MEN—HOLD FIRE.

This Veteran Army band of Brandon offer to hold their services at the Brandon and other English schools for thirty days to raise money for the purchase of uniforms, instruments, books, &c. The band consists of 100 men, and numbered generally 18 years of age. No fees or expenses shall be charged for the services of the band.

#### A NETTLED FARM.

It is a significant fact that Hagerup Low Oil is the best household power for internal and external use in case of pain, stiffness, lameness, and inflammatory complaints.

#### MORTGAGE SALE.

##### Of Valuable Hotel Property.

Under and by virtue of the powers of sale contained in a certain Mortgage which was executed at the time of sale, there will be sold by public auction by R. J. Norgay, as his agent on Friday, in the city of Brandon, on

THURSDAY, 25th JANUARY, 1885,  
at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, the following lots, viz.—An unvalued one and one-half acres in Section 20, containing forty-one (41) in extent, and situated in a plan of streets, the value of the land not exceeding \$1000.00.

There is a large frame hotel, known as the Beaubien house, situated on the said lots, the property will be alienated to a trustee of the

trust.

Terms made known at time of sale.

For further particulars apply to the auctioneer.

Dated 6th January, 1885.

WANTED—A good servant girl, only those who understand house work will apply.

GEO. R. CALDWELL,  
Barrester, Brandon.

WANTED—Sewing by the day, is wanted in

Ontario. Apply at this office.